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A LETTER

CONCERNING
The Storming and Delivering up
of the CASTLE of the

DEVISES

unto Lieutenant Generall *Cromwell*,
For the the Service of the KING and
PARLIAMENT.

J: S E N T *C:*

To Mr. *Samuel Bedford*, Scout-Master
General to the Committee of both

KINGDOMS.

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To Mr. *Samuel Bedford*, Scout-Master Generall to the Committee of both Kingdoms.

Honoured Sir,

He News at the *Devises* is this, Sunday at one of the Clock in the Afternoon, Lieutenant Generall *Cromwell* Summoned the Castle; The Governour sent forth word, that the King his Master put him in trust, and he desired ten dayes time to send to him, and in the mean time he would keep it for the King. The Lieutenant Generall wished him not to let

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slip such an opportunity ; and if he would not yield it, he would give him leave to send forth his Lady, and such other Gentlewomen as were in the Castle, and they should be used with all civility that might be ; And further certified him , that none were more fitting to keep strong Holds, Forts, and Castles , then the Parliament, for the use of the King : whereupon, the Governour sent word, that if he would have it , he should win it, and wear it. Upon receipt of this Answer , the Lieutenant Generall gave Command to the Canoneers, presently to give fire , and also to the Morter-peeces , which played very hot all night ; and in the night we raised Batteries in the Market place, within Pistoll shot of the Castle : On

Monday

Monday about Eight of the Clock in the morning, the Governour sent forth for a Parley, and sent out two of his Captains, Captain *Challenor*, and Captain *Garraway*; the Lieutenant Generall sent two Captains into them, and about eleven of the Clock, the Lieutenant Generall sent them in these Propositions following: *Viz.*

I. That all Commanders and Gentlemen should march to any Garrison the King had, within Thirty miles, with their Horse and Arms; And that all private Souldiers should march away, leaving their Arms behinde them; but not to go to the same Garrisons the Commanders marched to.

II. That all Gentlemen in the Castle, should have liberty to go to their own

own homes, or beyond the Seas.

III. That all Souldiers that have been formerly in the Parliaments Service, should be delivered up to the Lieutenant Generall ; and all Souldiers that would take up Arms in the Parliaments Service, should be entertained.

To these Propositions, the Lieutenant Generall desired his speedy Answer, that so they might march away by four of the Clock in the Afternoon. The Governour condescended to the Lieutenant Generalls desire, and accordingly delivered up the Castle ; and to morrow at Ten of the Clock, they are to march out of the Castle ; the Governour and his Officers with their Arms, and his Foot without Arms ; and he is to have three

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VVayns to carry away his goods, and
to have a safe Convoy to Worcester:
So I rest,

Your Servant,

Devizes, 22. Sept. Ralph Norton.

1645. 7. at night

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